

Taniguchi does not include a support arranged "to prevent movement of said packages relative to said circuit." The element 3 in Taniguchi would allow all of the packages to move relative to the surface 7 as a unit. Due to the added weight provided by the element 3, it is likely that the packages 2 would move even more than they would otherwise have been likely to have moved. Therefore, reconsideration of the rejection of claim 33 over Taniguchi is respectfully requested.

A request was also made for clarification with respect to claim 41. Claim 41 calls for a support that includes outwardly extending tabs arranged to engage depressions in said packages. As shown in Figure 2 (attached), each of the packages 12 may include a notch portion 24. The notch portion 24 is engaged by a bump or tab 26 connected to each of the rails 18. See the specification at page 5, lines 14-20.

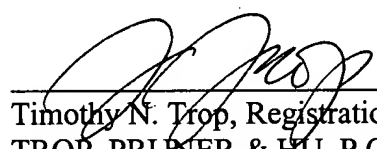
Therefore, it is believed that the objections have been overcome.

In view of these remarks, the application is now in condition for allowance and the Examiner's prompt action in accordance therewith is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 33 as follows:

33. (Amended) An electronic device, comprising:
a plurality of integrated circuit packages; [and]
a contact surface electrically connected to each of said packages; and
a support arranged to engage each of said packages at a point spaced above said surface to prevent movement of said packages relative to said surface.

Please amend claim 44 as follows:

44. (Amended) The device of claim 43, wherein said support is made of plastic foam with a plurality of [one] slots formed therein, each slot sized to resiliently engage one of said modules.

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